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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PRDC, PSDC, AG, US

SUBJECT: GOA BICENTENNIAL GREETINGS

REF: ALGIERS 1753

1. GOA CHARGE MAADINI CONTACTED AFN JULY 14 TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN QUERIED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERNING TRANSMITTAL OF BICENTENNIAL MESSAGES FROM BOUMEDIENE AND BOUTEFLIKA AND WONDERED WHY WE HAD NOT RECEIVED THEM. IN FACT THEY WERE RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT ON JULY 6 (THEY ARE STAMPED RECEIVED ON THAT DATE) BUT DID NOT REACH DESK UNTIL JULY 12. PROBLEM IS THUS PURELY OUR OWN AND IS NO REFLECTION ON MAADINI WHO WORKED ON JULY 5 TO DO TRANSLATION SO MESSAGES COULD BE DELIVERED PROMPTLY.

2. SINCE MR. MAADINI HAS BEEN PLACED IN AN UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION FOR WHICH HE IS ENTIRELY UNDESERVING, AT LEAST IN THIS CASE, WE REQUEST THAT EMBASSY CLARIFY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT LATE RECEIPT OF MESSAGES WAS RESULT OF DEPARTMENT'S DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND THAT MESSAGES WERE IN FACT DELIVERED PROMPTLY.

3. ONE OTHER GENERAL COMMENT SEEMS IN ORDER ON THIS SUBJECT. ALTHOUGH MAADINI HAS NEVER DISCUSSED IT WITH US
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IT IS CLEAR THAT HE DOES NOT RECEIVE A GREAT DEAL OF
GUIDANCE OR INFORMATION FROM ALGIERS. IT WOULD THUS
APPEAR THAT WHATEVER PROBLEMS IN COMMUNICATION MAY EXIST
DO NOT EMANATE ENTIRELY FROM THE WASHINGTON END. KISSINGER

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